

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the future of our state depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to our young people; and

WHEREAS, of the 21 million children under age 6 in America, approximately 13 million are in child care at least part time, and an additional 24 million school-age children are in some form of after school care; and

WHEREAS, quality child care facilities and licensed child care providers help ensure the well-being and success of young people throughout South Carolina and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 observances of Licensed Child Care Month and Provider Appreciation Day call attention to the importance of high quality child care services, while honoring providers for their dedication to our children.

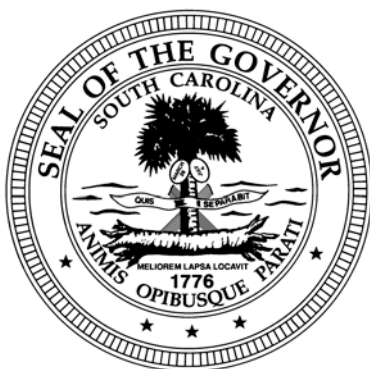
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2004 as

LICENSED CHILD CARE MONTH

and May 7, 2004, as

PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of quality childhood services on the development of the children of the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford", written over a horizontal line.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA